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Ted McCormack Commission on Local Government 501 North 2nd Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: Organization and Regulation of Procedure

Dear Mr. McCormack:

I have reviewed proposed amendments to Public Participation Guidelines (1 VAC 50-20) of the Commission on Local Government as submitted on December 9, 2005. It is my view that the Commission on Local Government, contingent on approval by the Governor, has legal authority to promulgate the subject amendments pursuant to §15.2-2903 of the Code of Virginia.

The purpose of this communication is to provide legal advice. To the extent that this communication may advise you that certain action is lawful, the decision whether to take such action or not remains a policy decision within the discretion of your agency or board. This communication should not be construed as a comment for or against the merits of such action.

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Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Moncure, Jr. Senior Counsel to the Attorney General